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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility.

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a part-time job, a relationship with Gwen Stacy and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!



### PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN:

Spider-Man is now living with Johnny Storm a.k.a. The Human Torch and Bobby Drake a.k.a. Iceman. Both are disguising themselves as his cousins and going to school like normal kids.

But his ex-girlfriend Kitty Pryde is struggling with her life as an "out-of-the-closet" mutant as the world deals with the aftermath of the mutant-related disasters of Ultimatum.

And it all falls apart when federal agents come into her classroom and ask her to leave with them.



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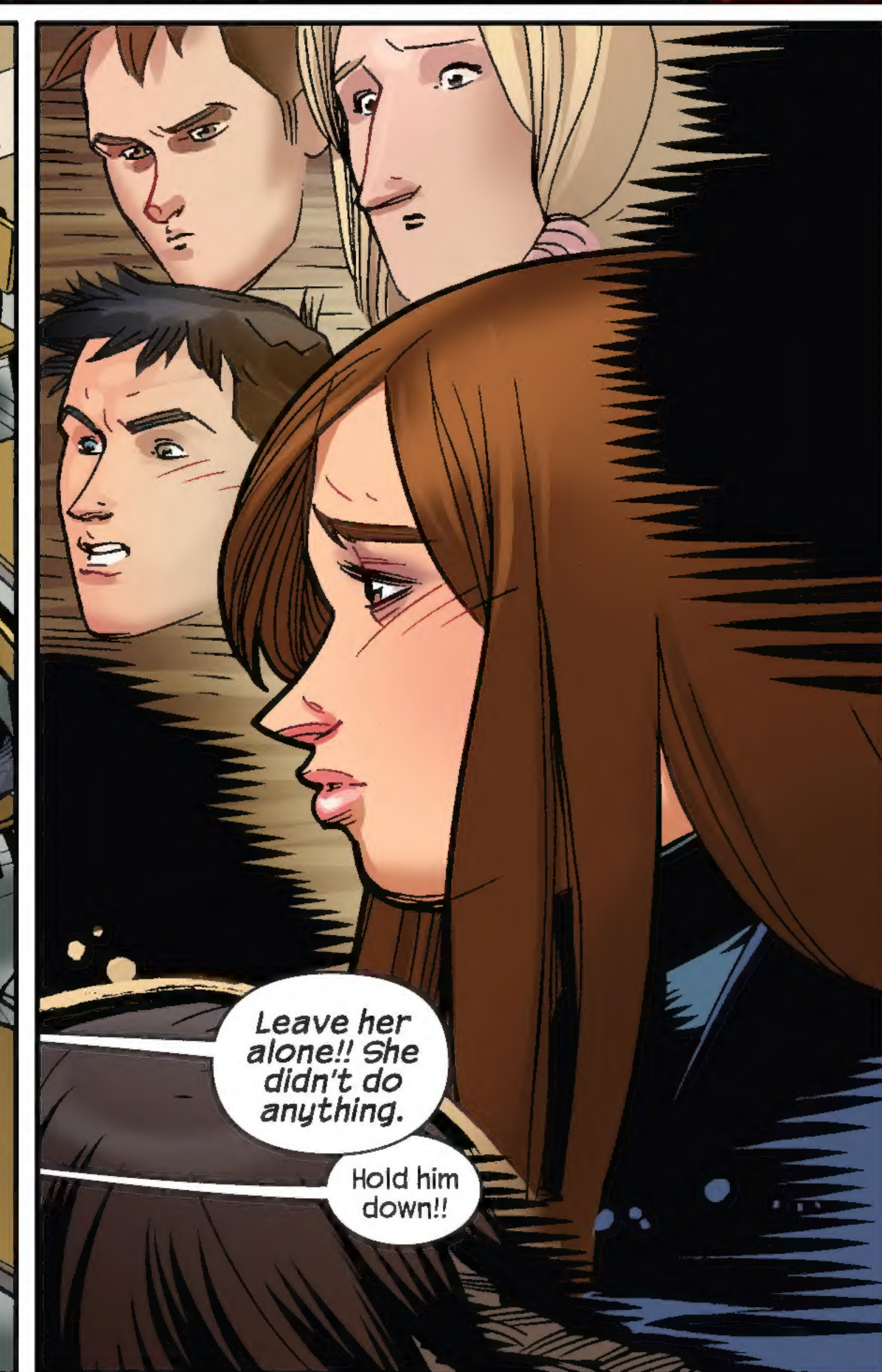
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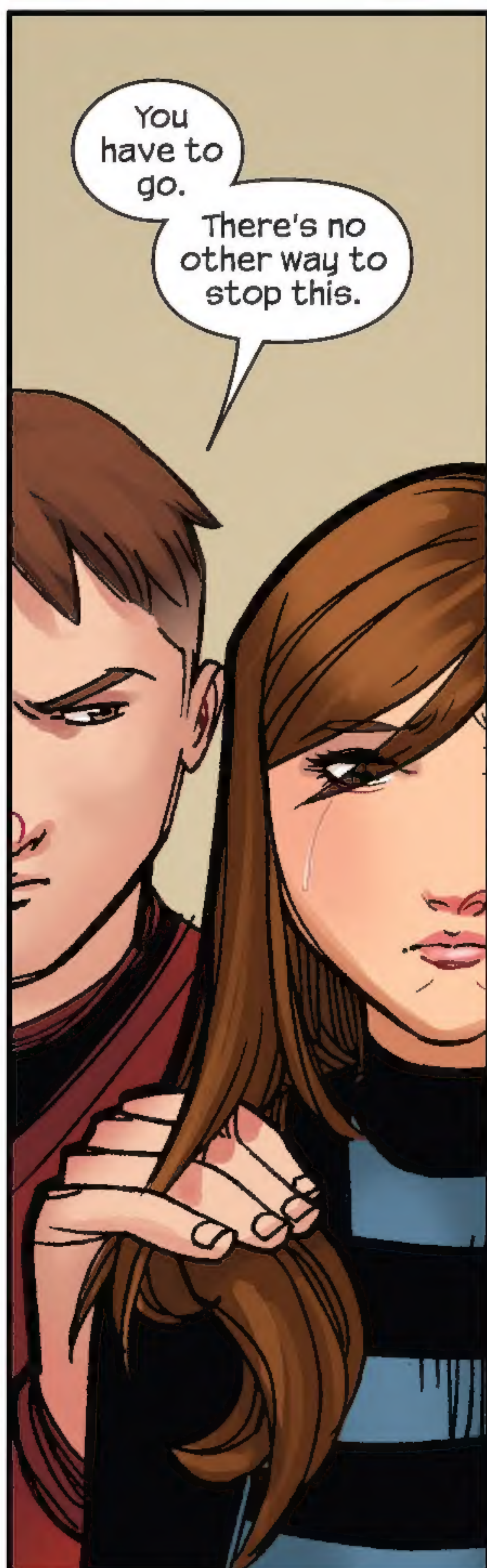
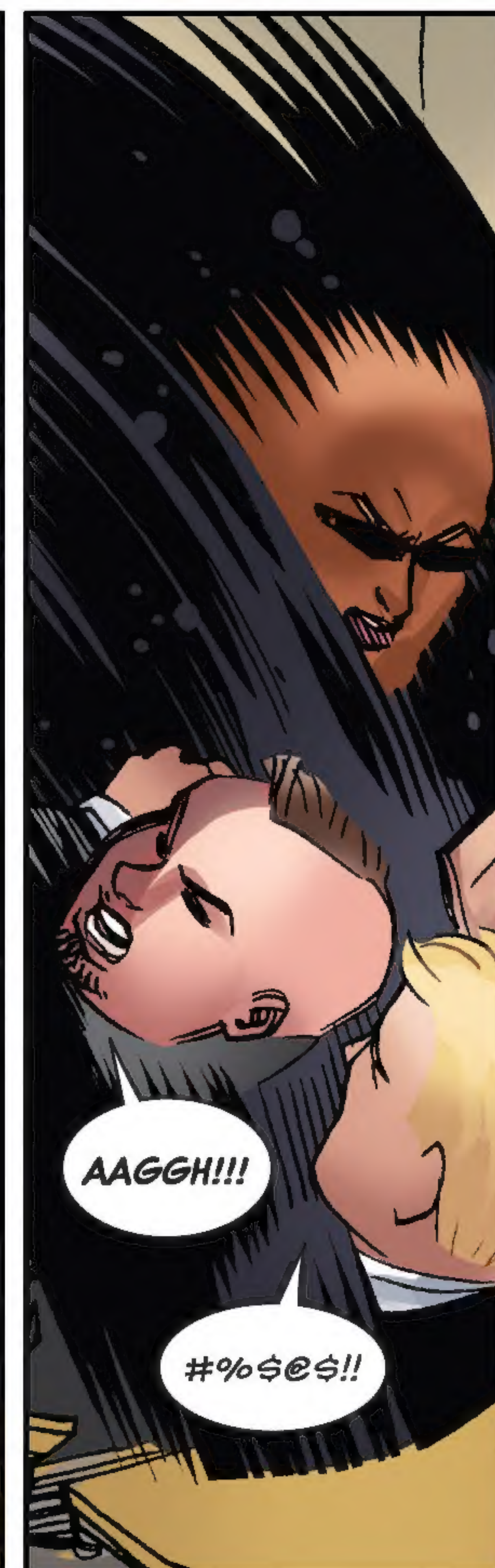
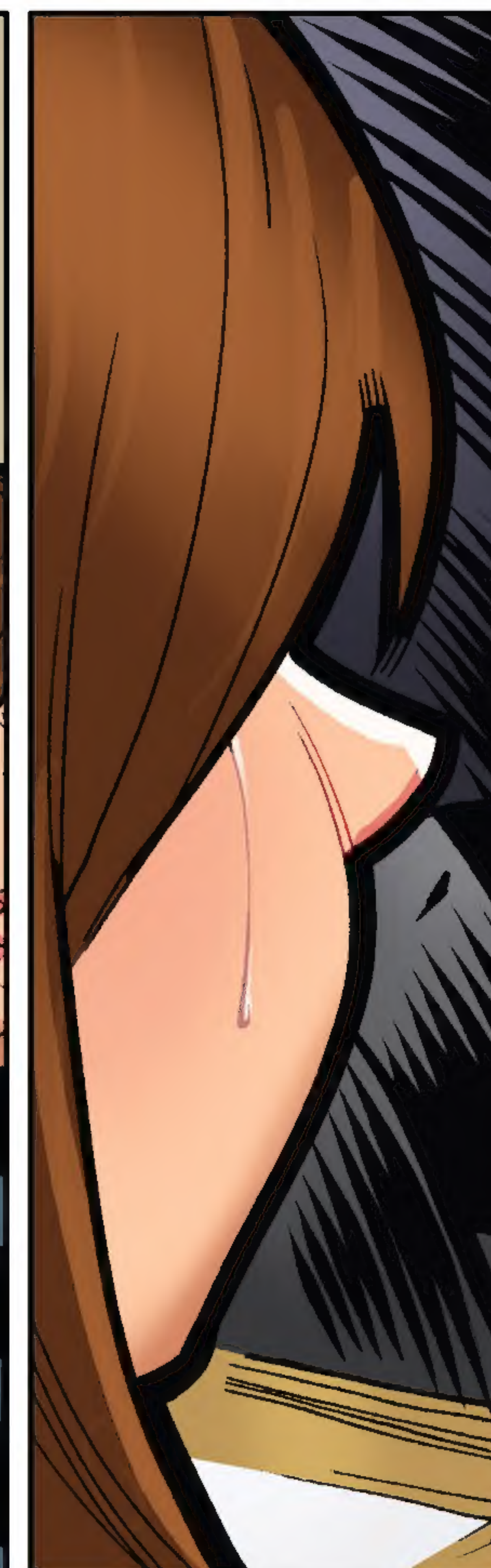
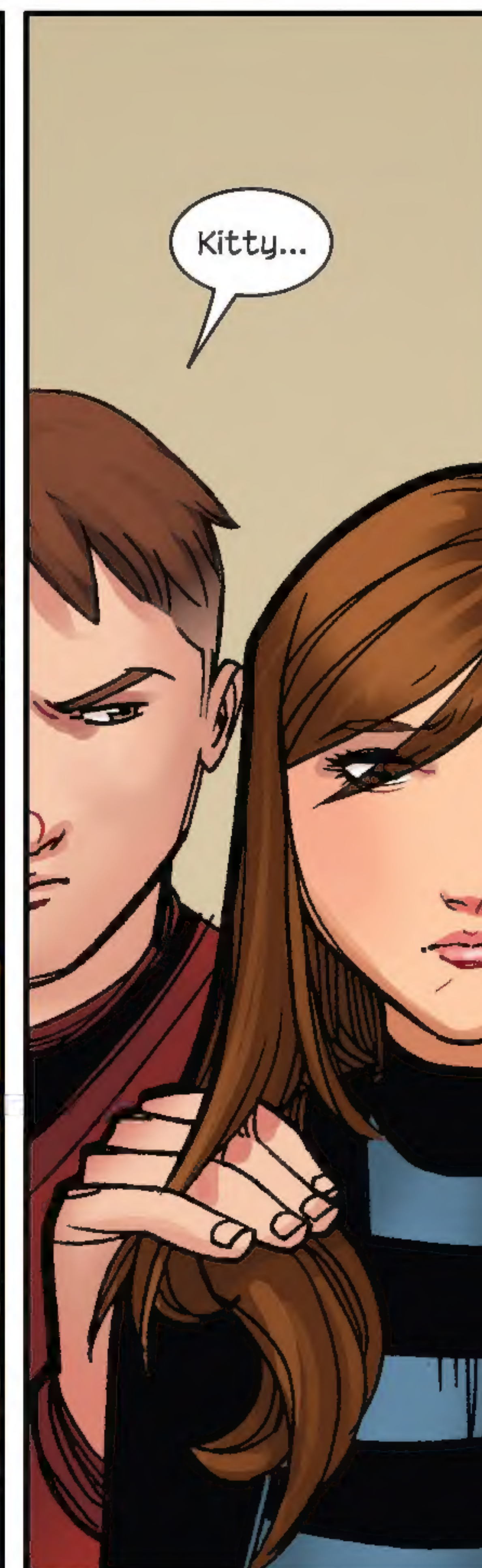
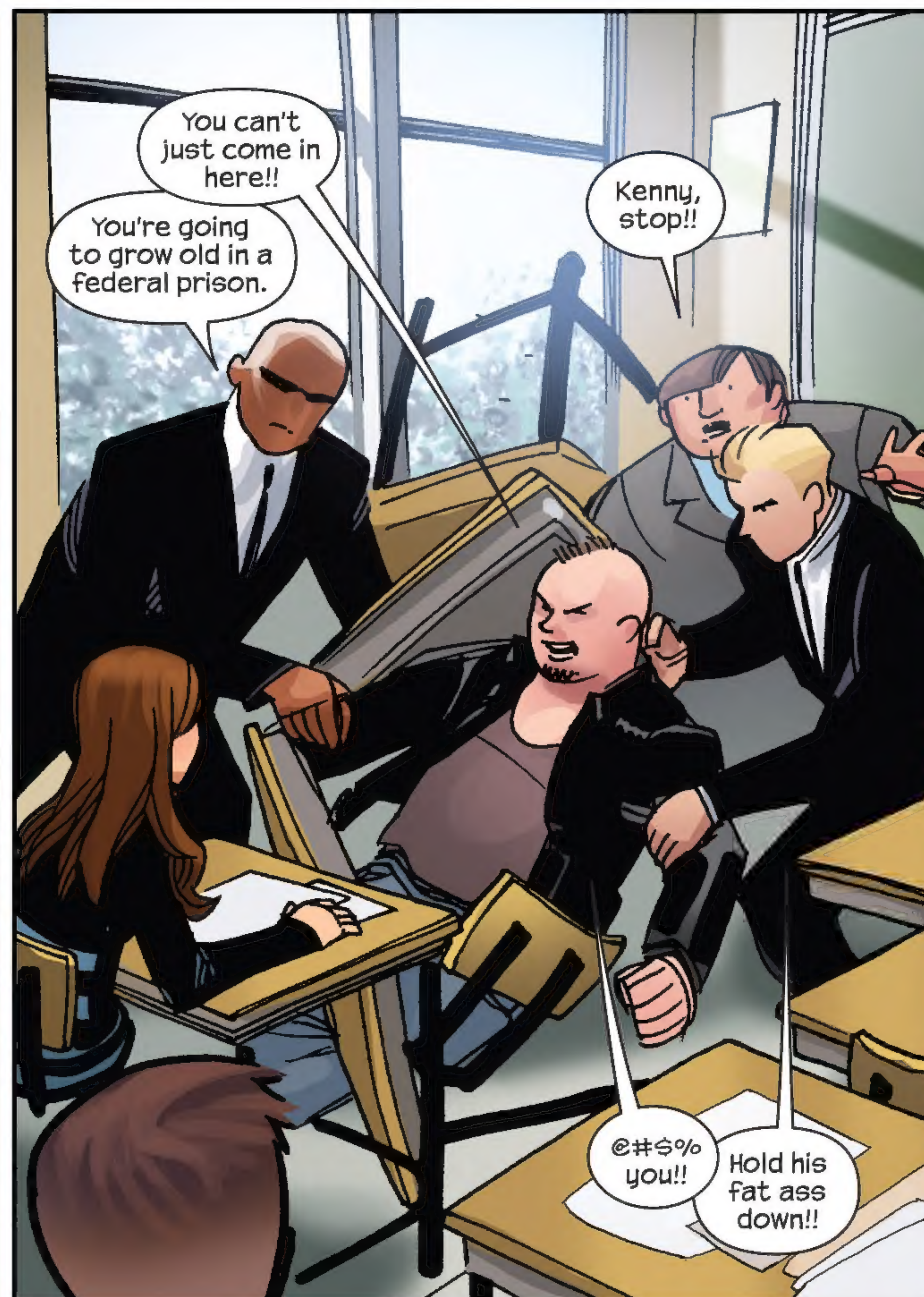
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What the  
what *the*  
what?

Are you  
okay?

Where  
*are* we?

Sewer.

Like,  
under the  
school?



Okay.

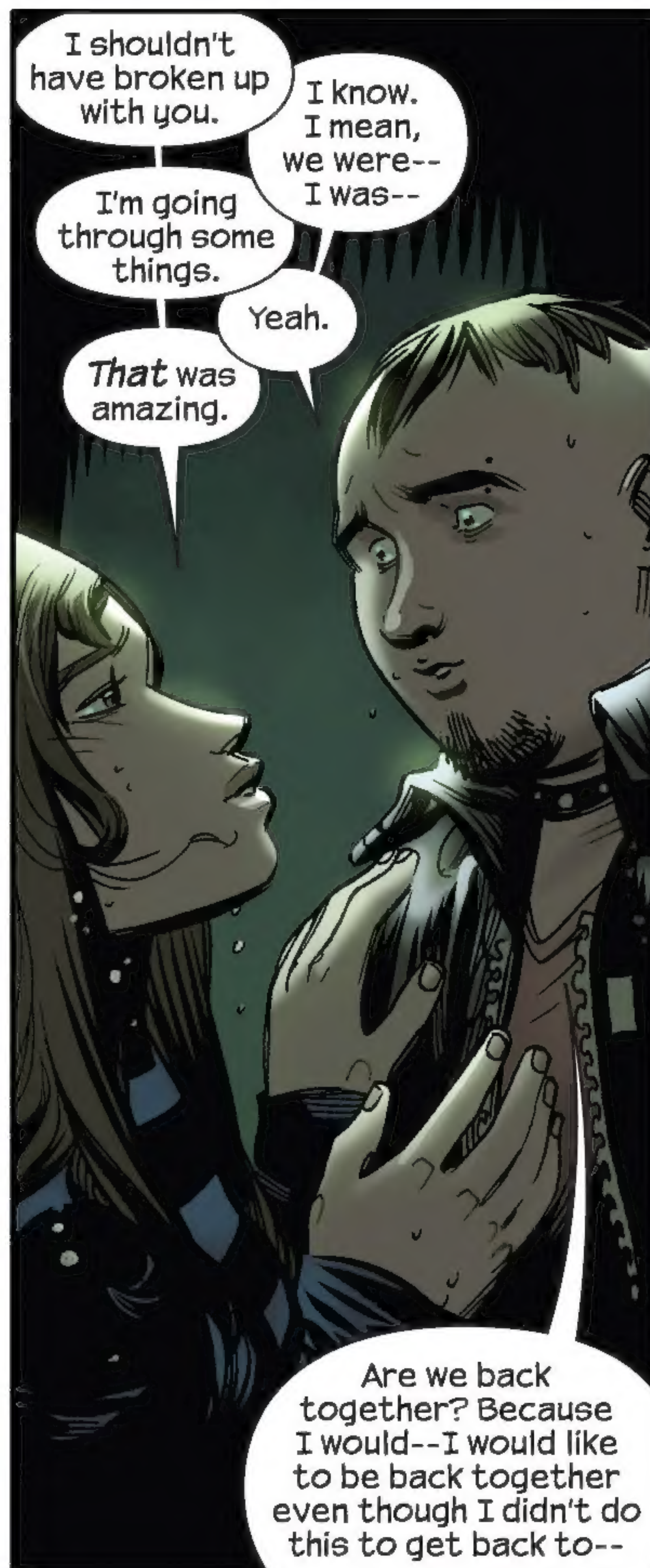
*That* was  
amazing.

What?

You  
came to my  
defense.

Well, it--  
hey--it was  
crap.

I wasn't  
just doing it  
because I'm in love  
with you. Not in--in  
love, but you know,  
have feelings--



I shouldn't  
have broken up  
with you.

I know.  
I mean,  
we were--  
I was--

I'm going  
through some  
things.

Yeah.

*That* was  
amazing.

Are we back  
together? Because  
I would--I would like  
to be back together  
even though I didn't do  
this to get back to--







Wow.  
Yeah,  
uh...wow.



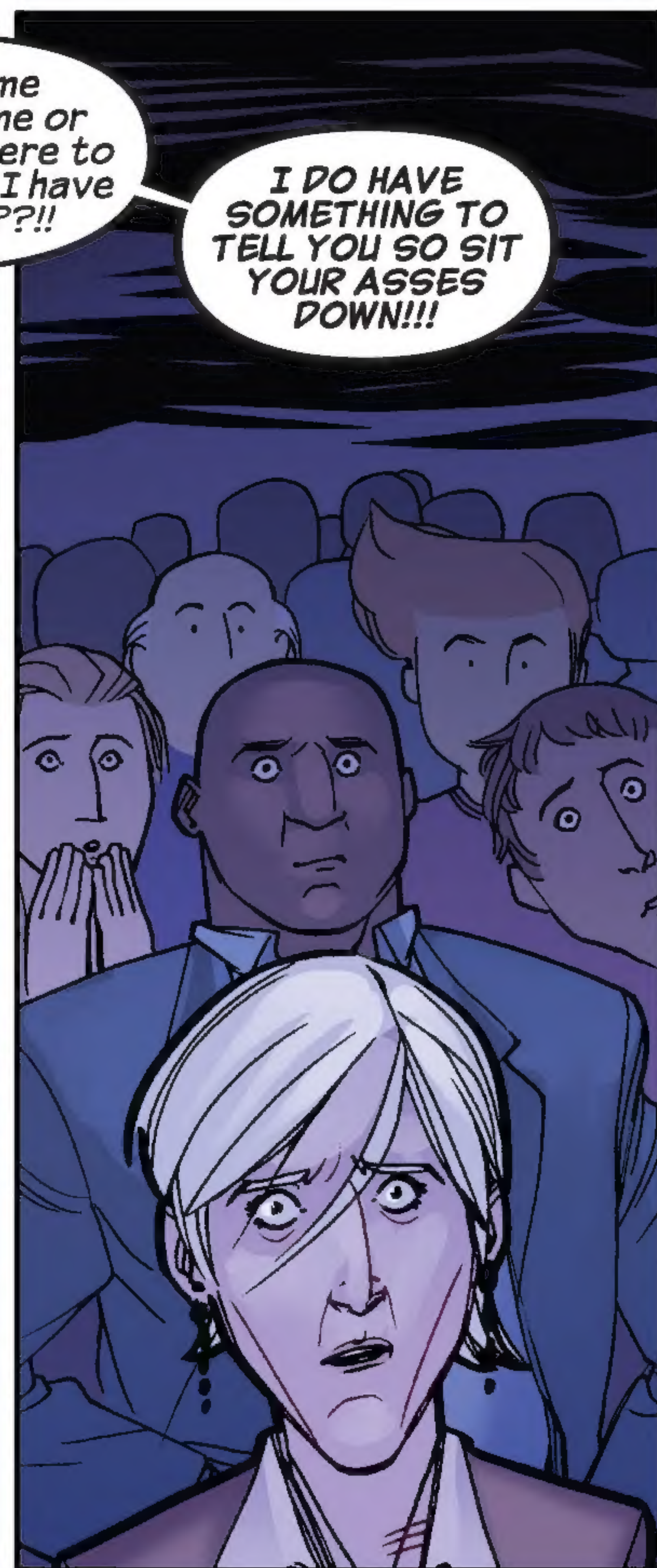
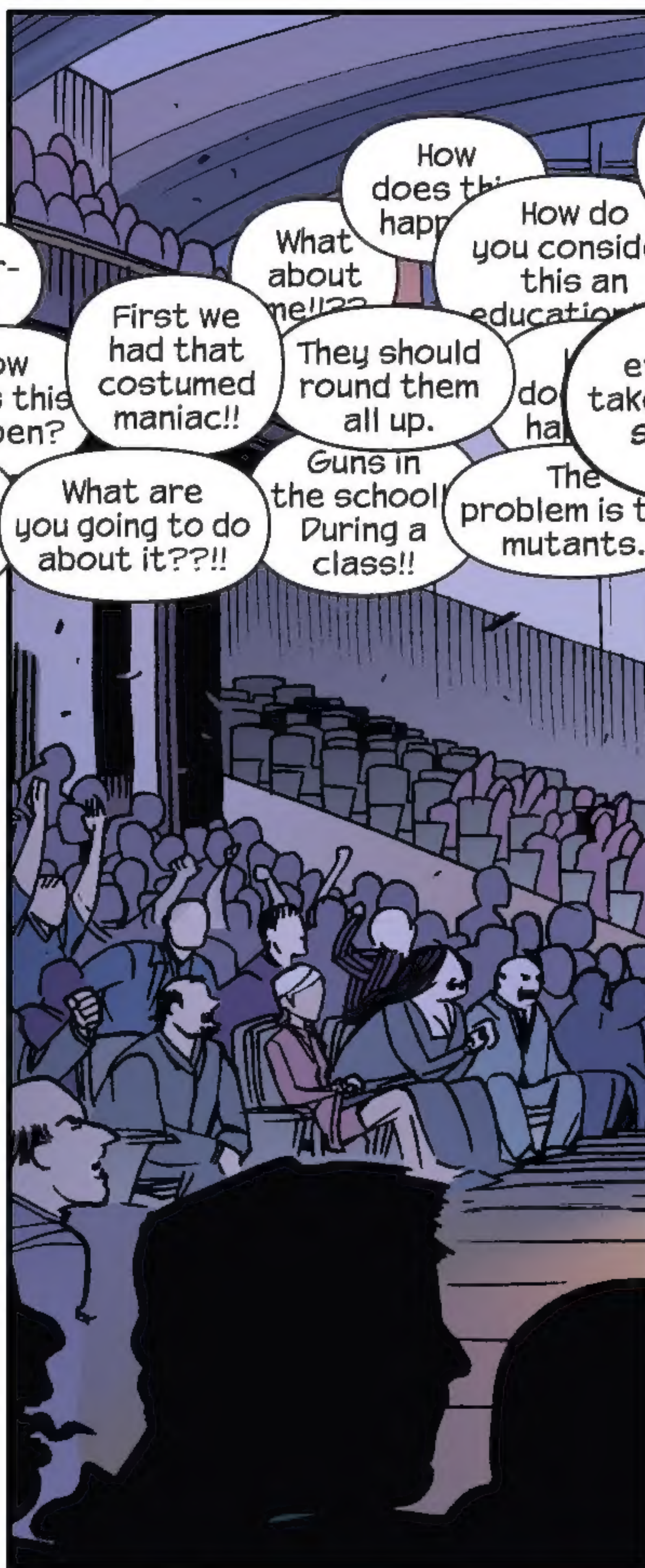
What  
do we do  
now?  
I don't  
know.  
Are you  
going to run  
away?



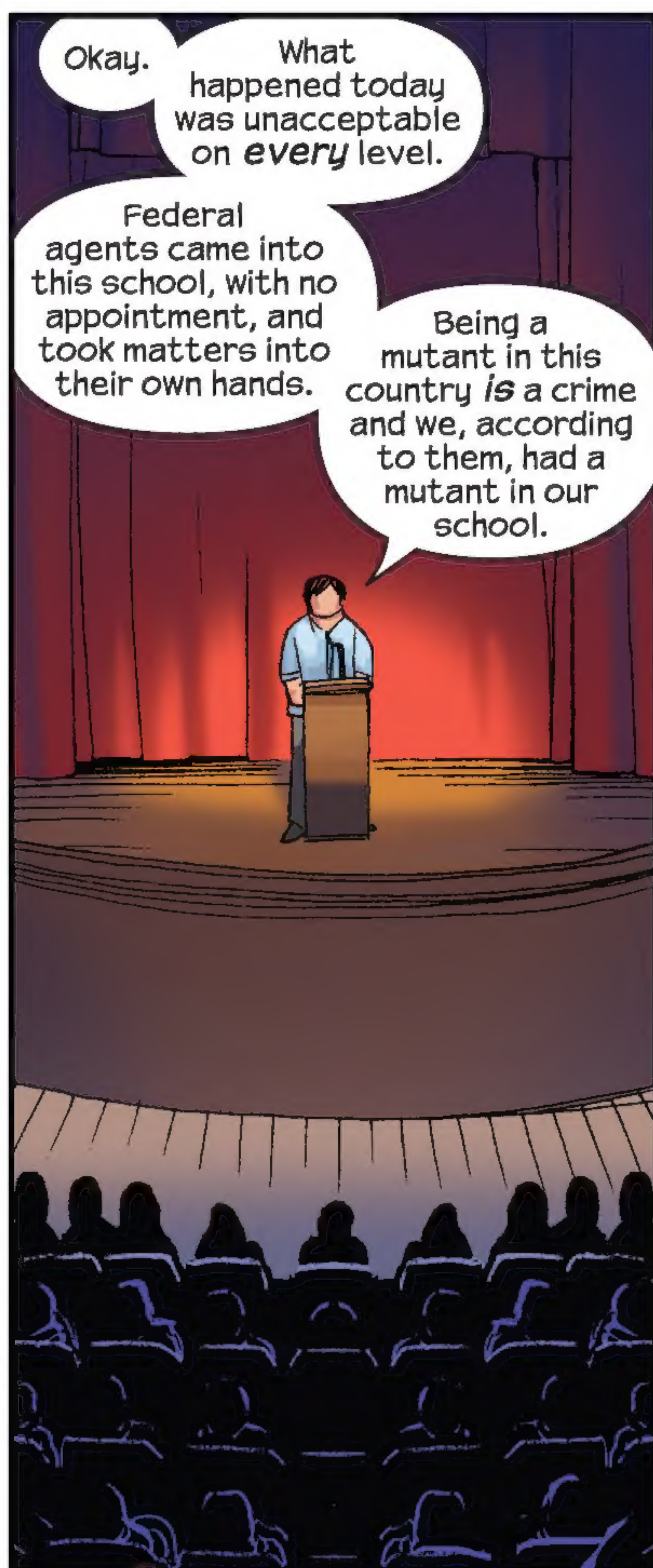
Let's  
go.











Okay.

What happened today was unacceptable on *every* level.

Federal agents came into this school, with no appointment, and took matters into their own hands.

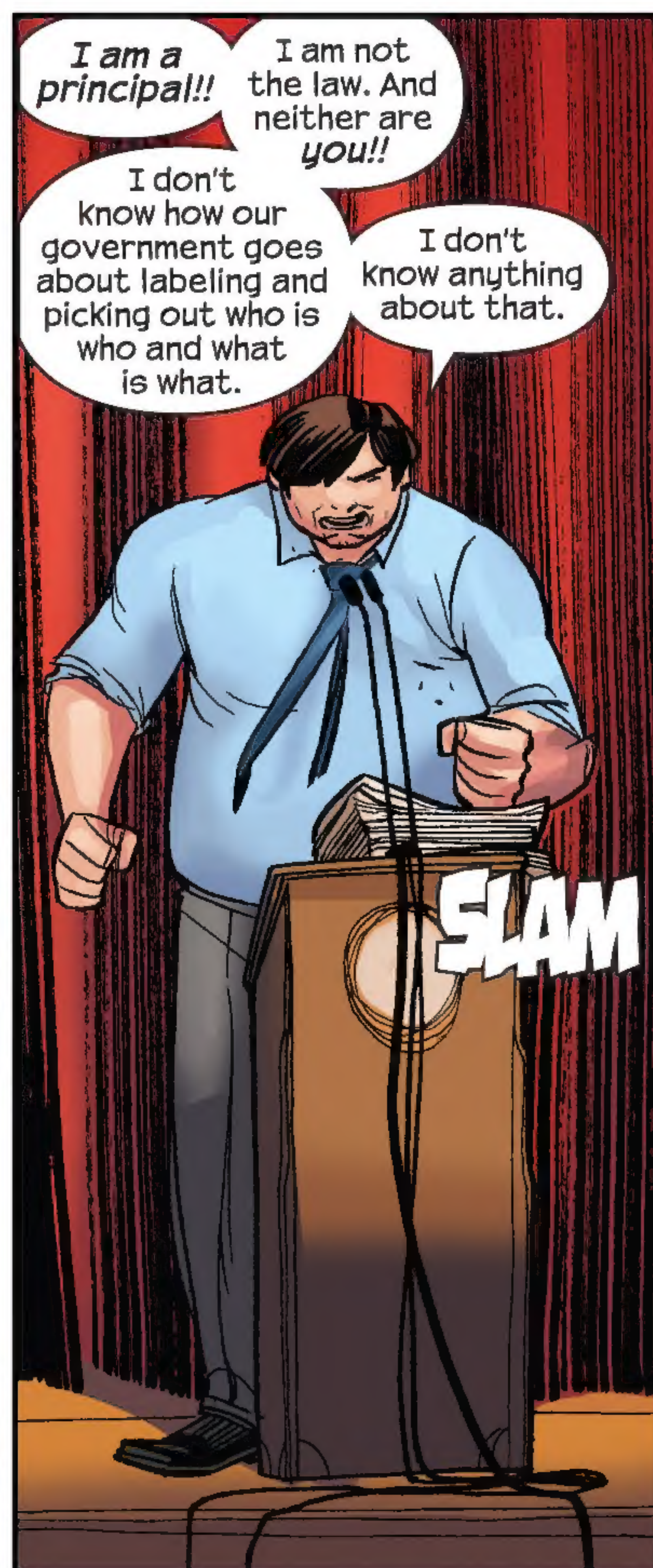
Being a mutant in this country *is* a crime and we, according to them, had a mutant in our school.



If you had a mutant in the school why didn't you--??!!

Who put her there??!!

I want a name!! Give me a name!!



*I am a principal!!*

I am not the law. And neither are *you!!*

I don't know how our government goes about labeling and picking out who is who and what is what.

I don't know anything about that.



I was hired to teach your children.

Not teach them to punish those that are *different*.

I didn't know what was going to happen today!! I would never have allowed it and I am sorry.

Truly sorry.



Sorry??!! Sorry and what?

How does this happen?

My child has phobias.

That hardly--

How does this happen?

I'm going to sue everyone!! Everyone--



**QUIET!!**





Go ahead  
and sue the  
school!!

I'll tell  
you a little  
something.

The school is  
so underfunded.  
We're broke.

Go ahead.  
Sue us. Shut  
it down.

Then  
what?



Instead of *lashing out*,  
I suggest we all--all of us--  
think about the fact that we  
live in a world where we are  
allowing things to  
get to this.

That a girl tried  
to go to school here  
and was *chased away*  
for being different.

And that we  
*all* allowed this  
to happen.



What am *I*  
going to do  
about it? *Me?*  
Personally?

Well, I  
tendered my  
resignation. I  
stepped  
down.

*I*  
quit.

Truthfully I  
did it before I  
was fired (but  
that's beside  
the point.)



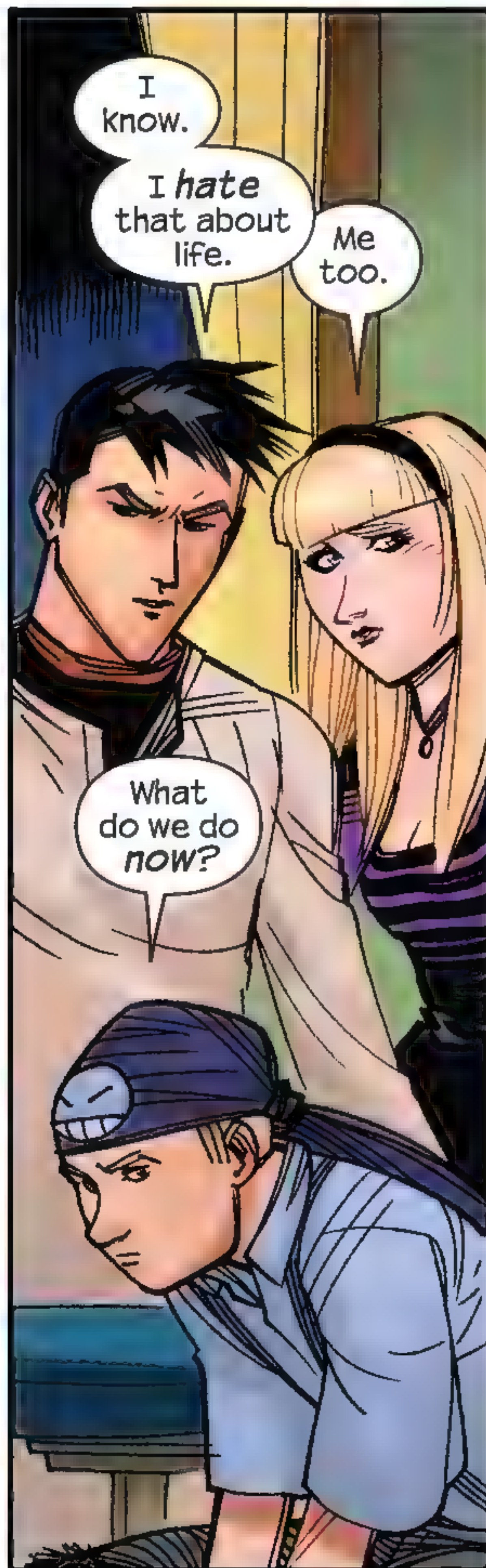
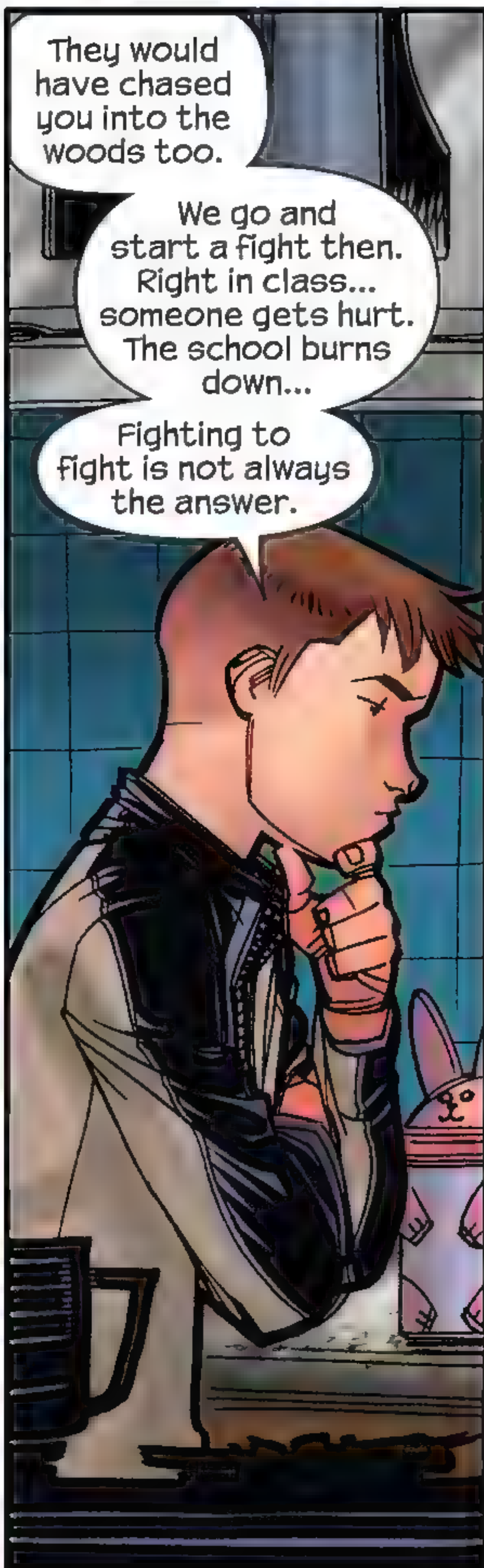
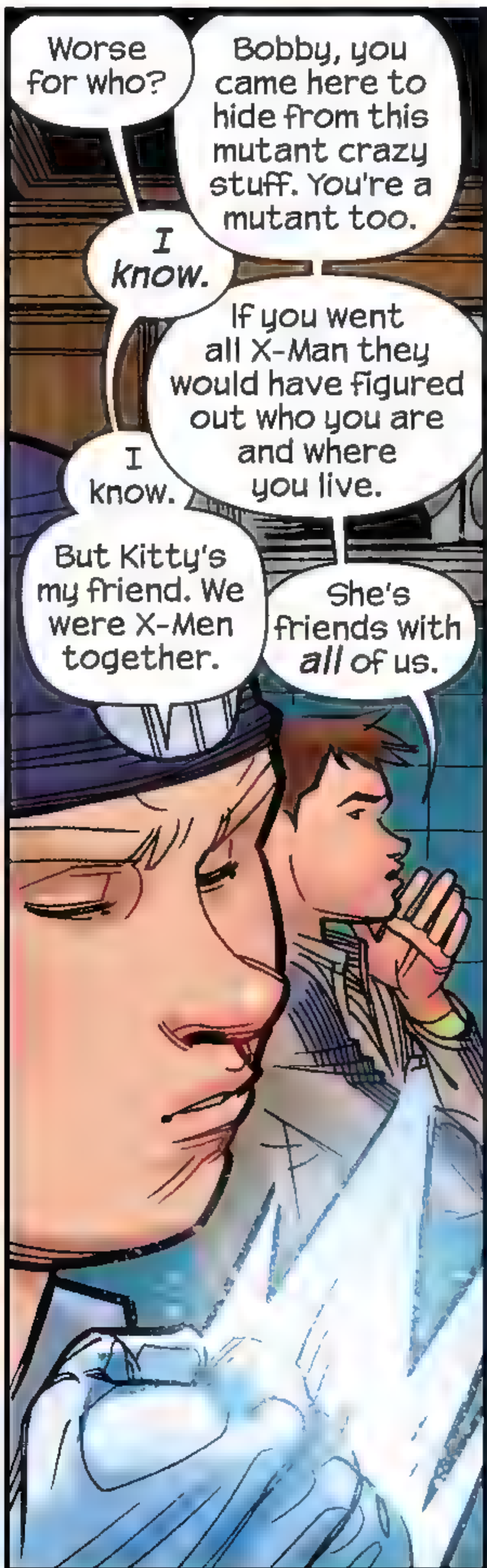
*That's*  
what I did.

I say I will  
not allow this  
kind of behavior  
to continue on  
my watch.

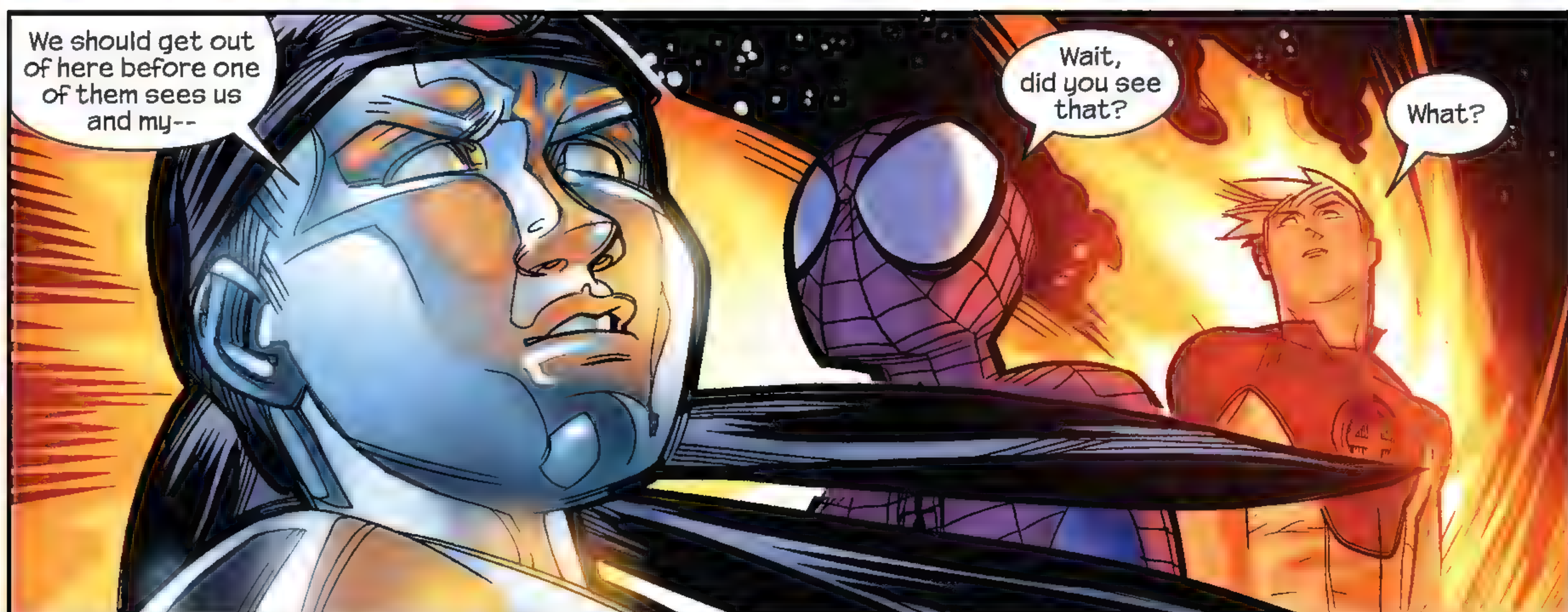
























What the hell do you think you're doing here??!!

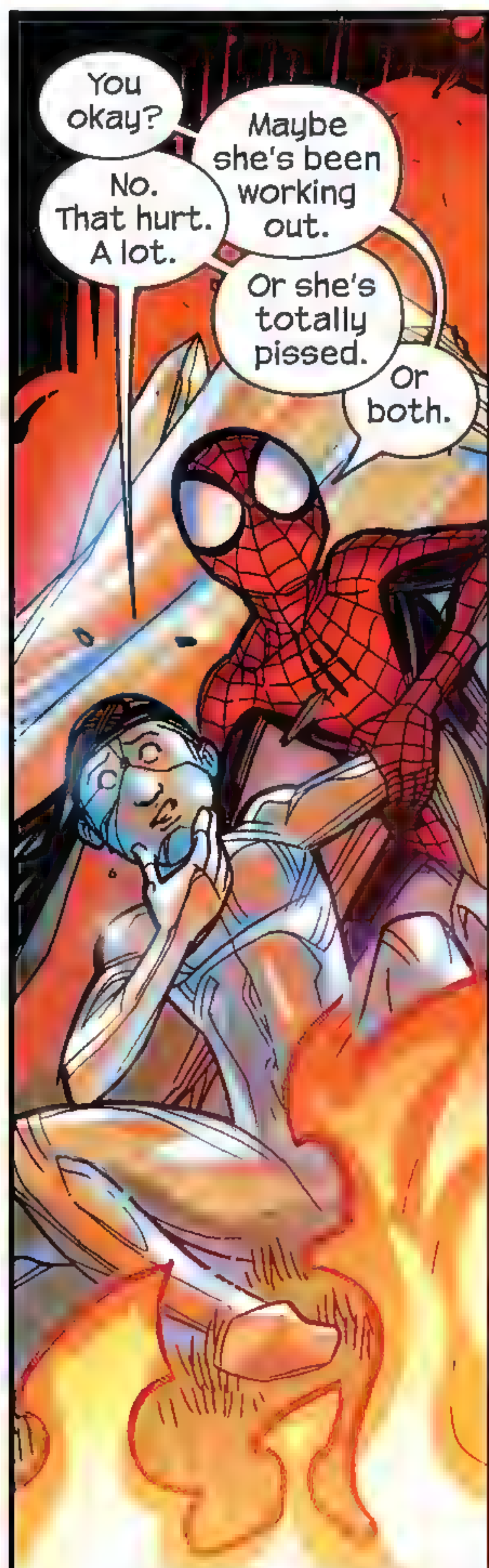
You're here to help me?? A little late, don't you think??



Now, *that* was totally uncalled for.

Oh, you shut up altogether!!

(Himbo.)



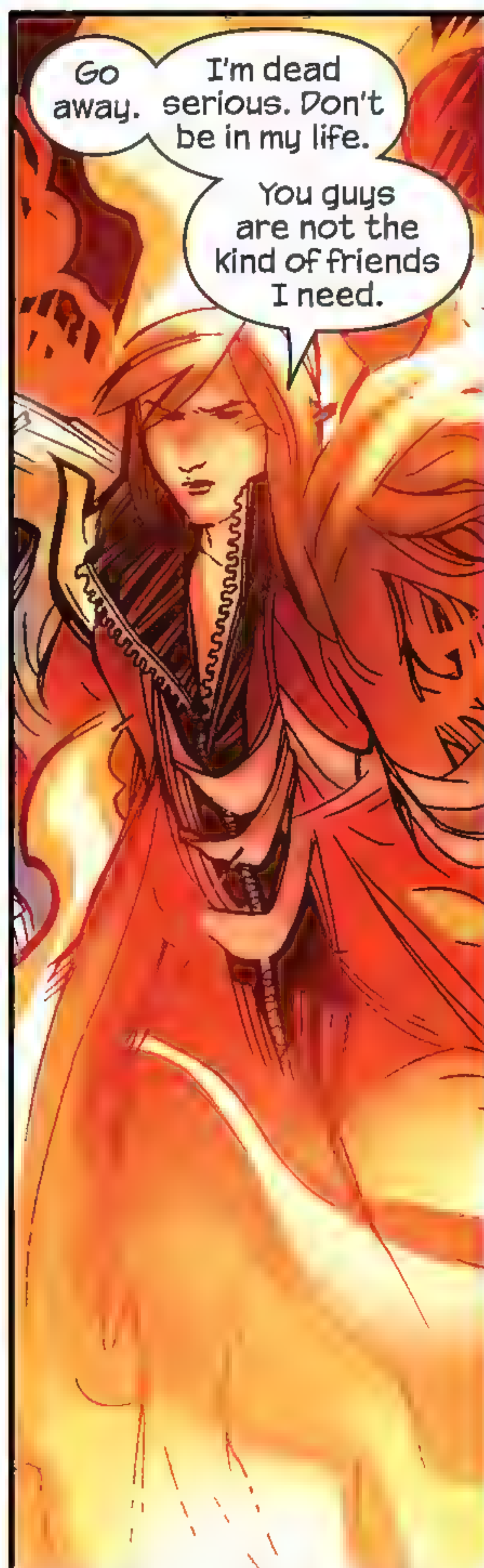
You okay?

No. That hurt. A lot.

Maybe she's been working out.

Or she's totally pissed.

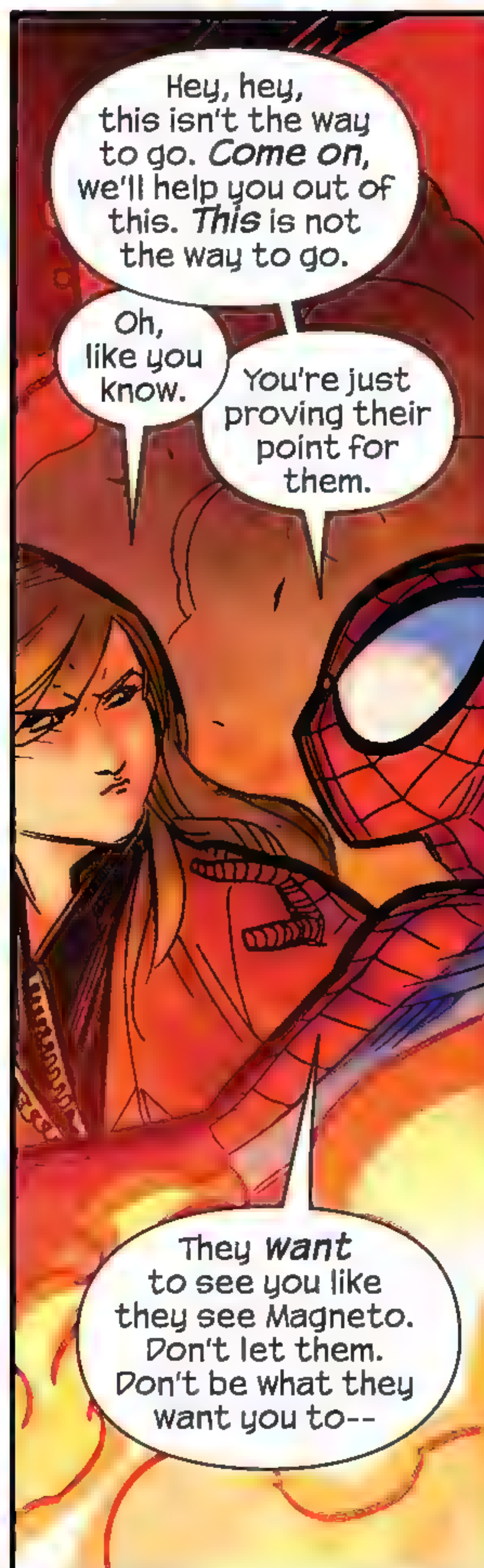
Or both.



Go away.

I'm dead serious. Don't be in my life.

You guys are not the kind of friends I need.



Hey, hey, this isn't the way to go. *Come on*, we'll help you out of this. *This* is not the way to go.

Oh, like you know.

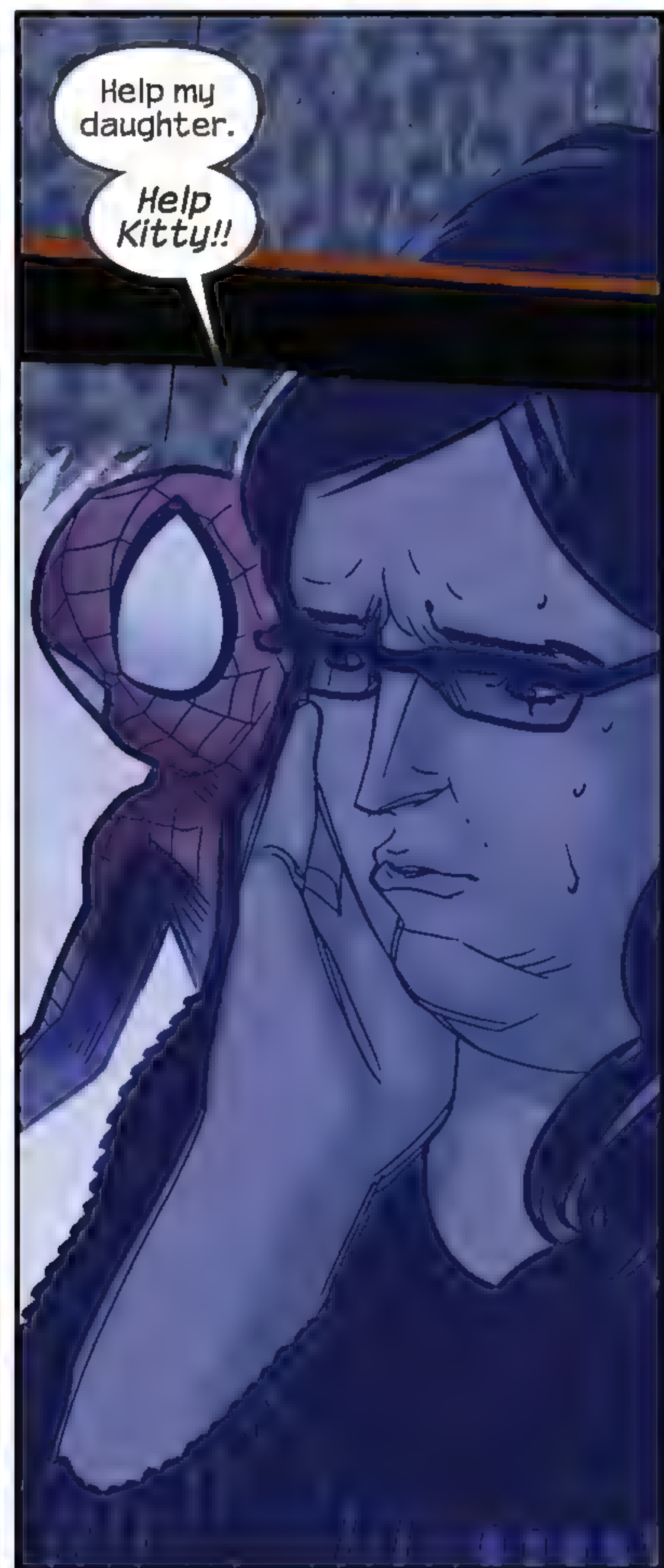
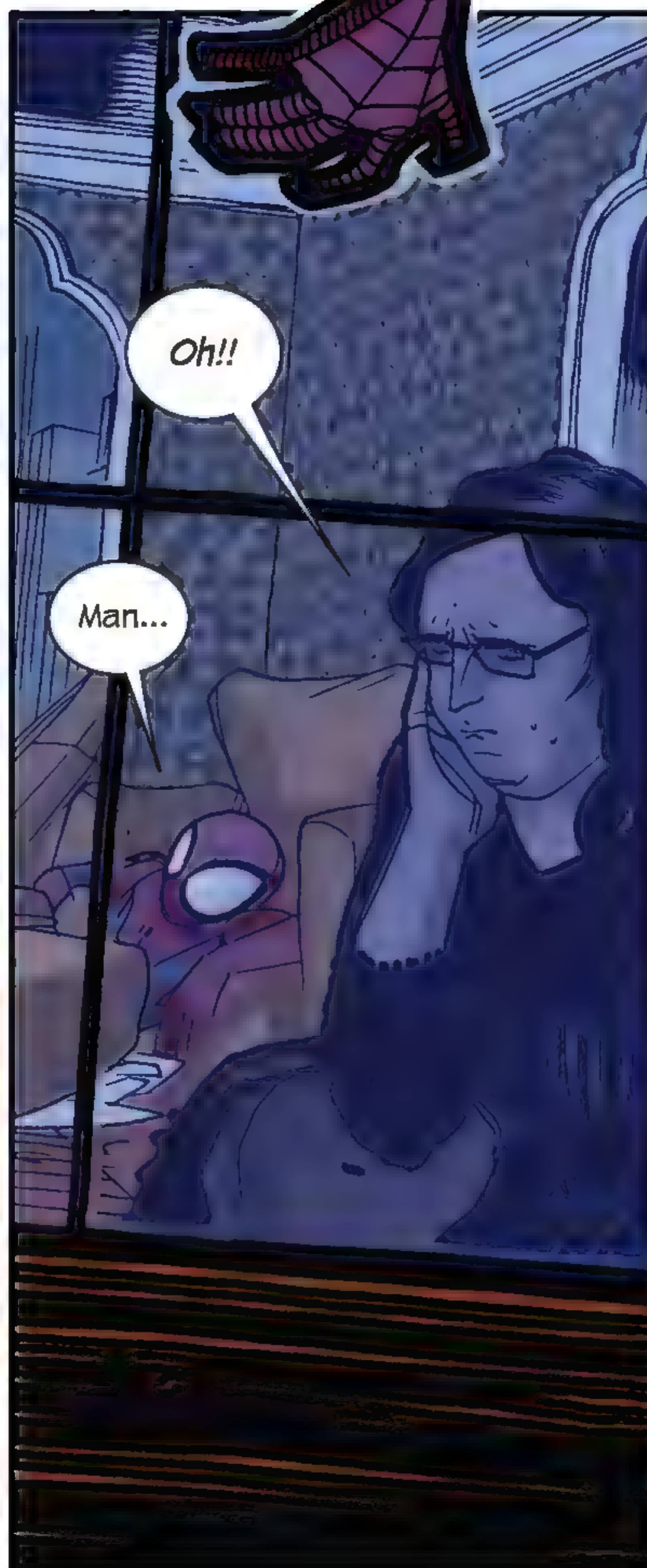
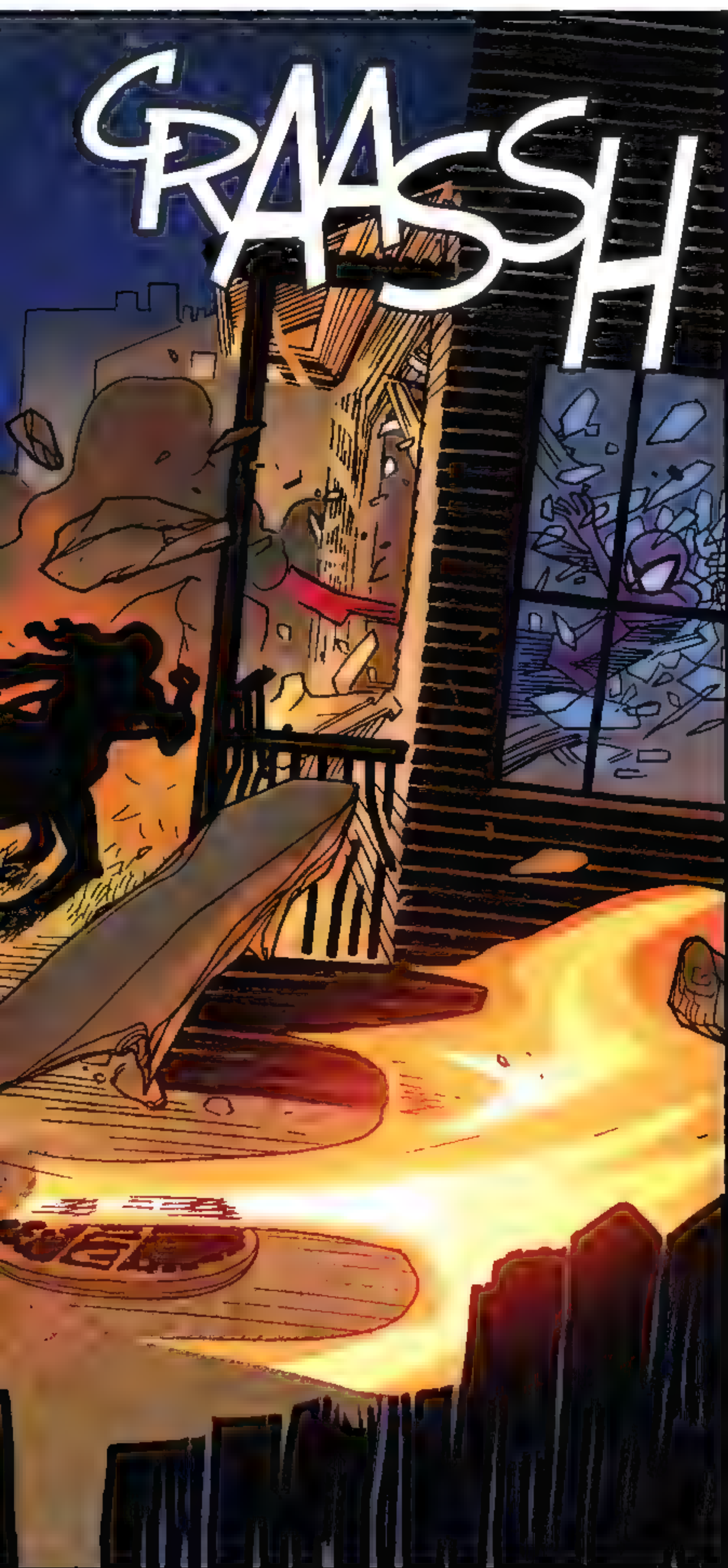
You're just proving their point for them.

They *want* to see you like they see Magneto. Don't let them. Don't be what they want you to--

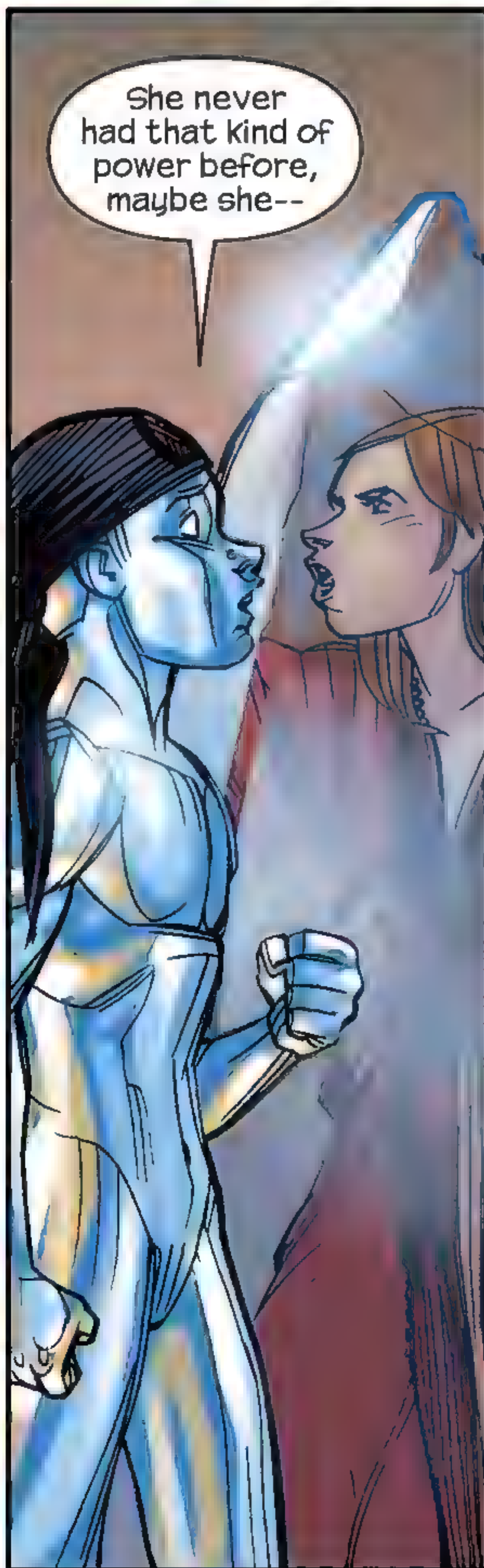
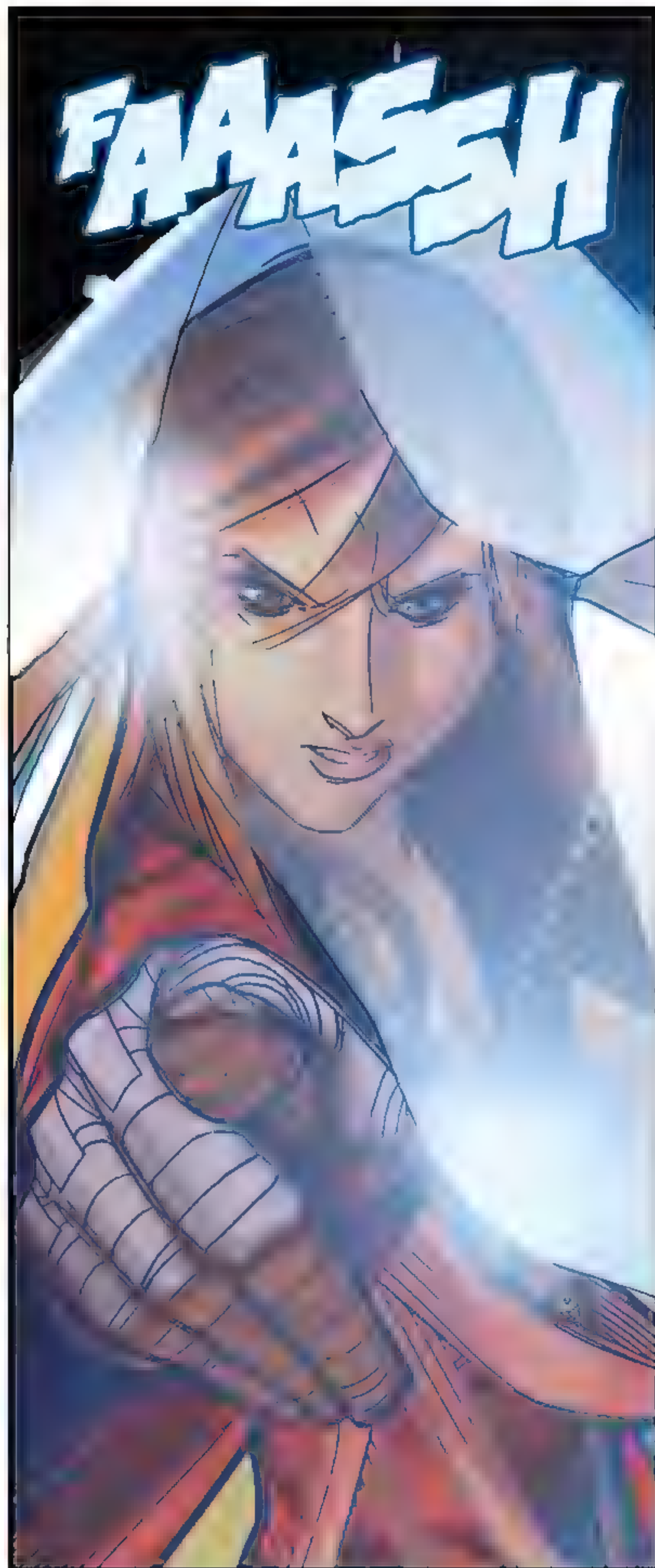


Magneto was right!!

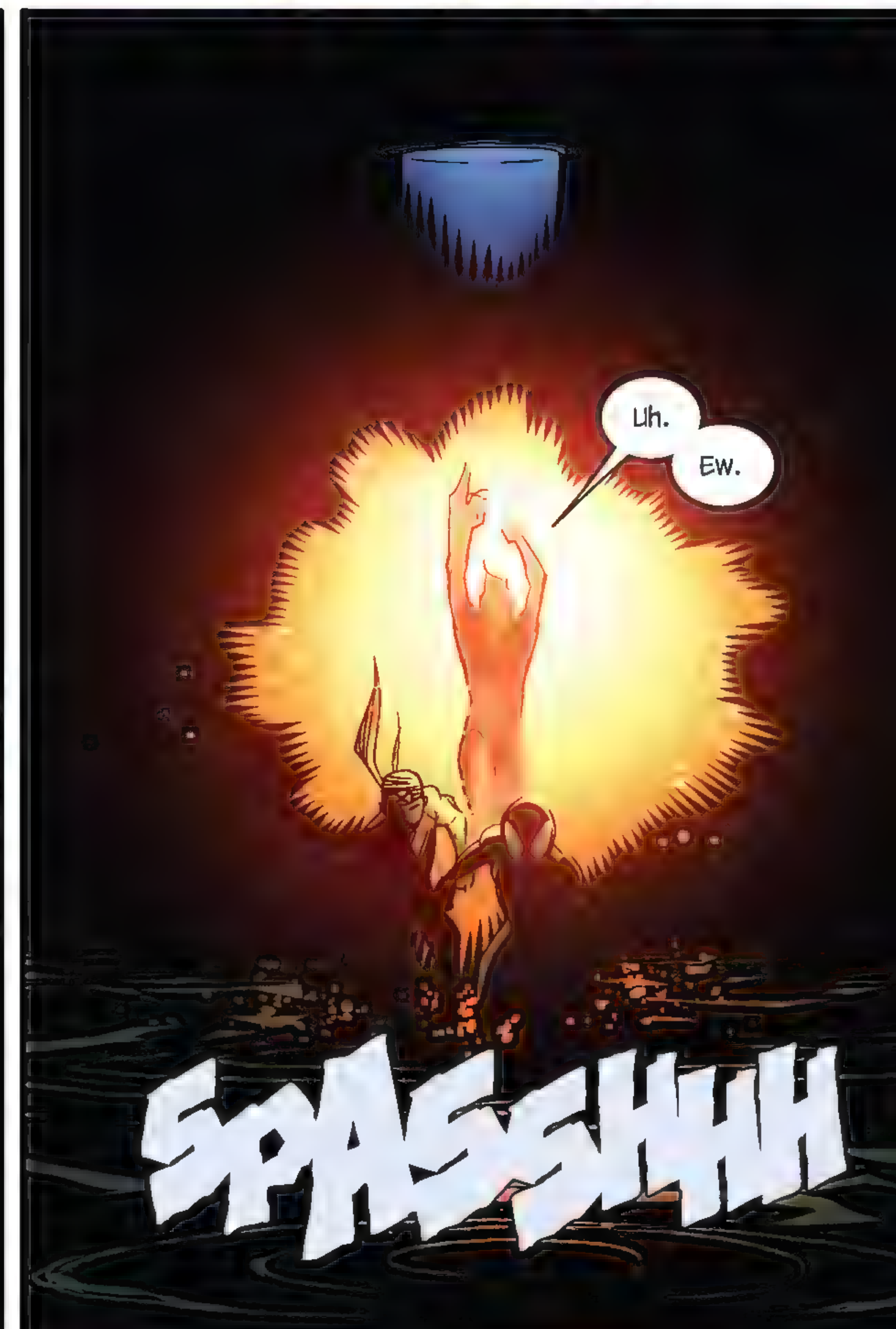
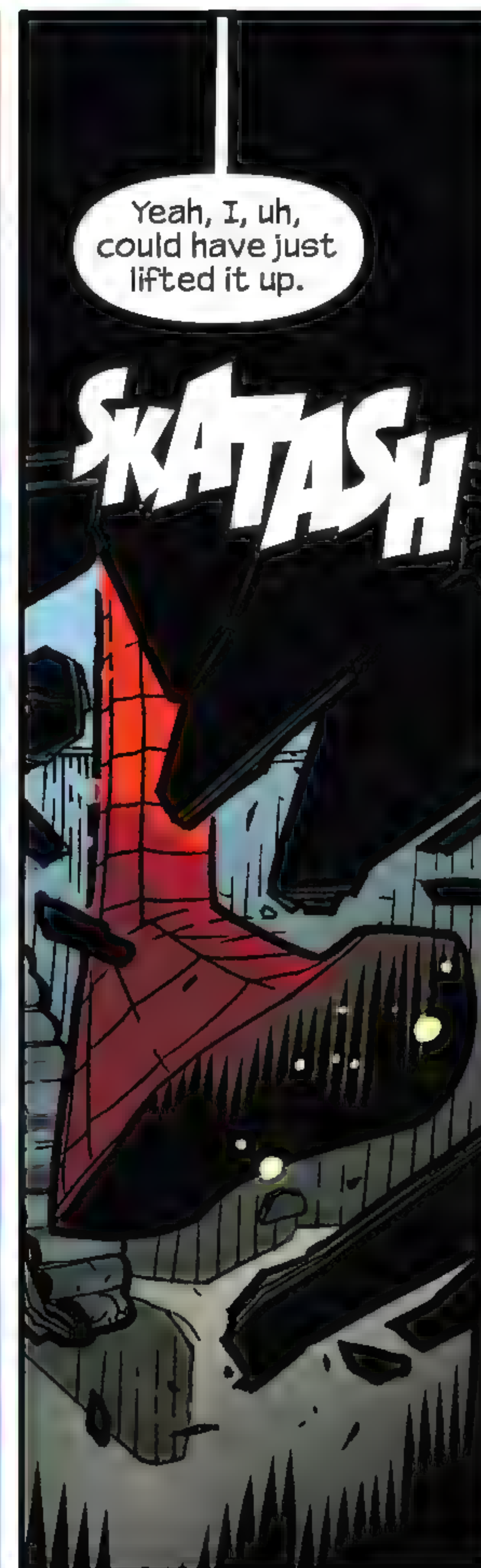
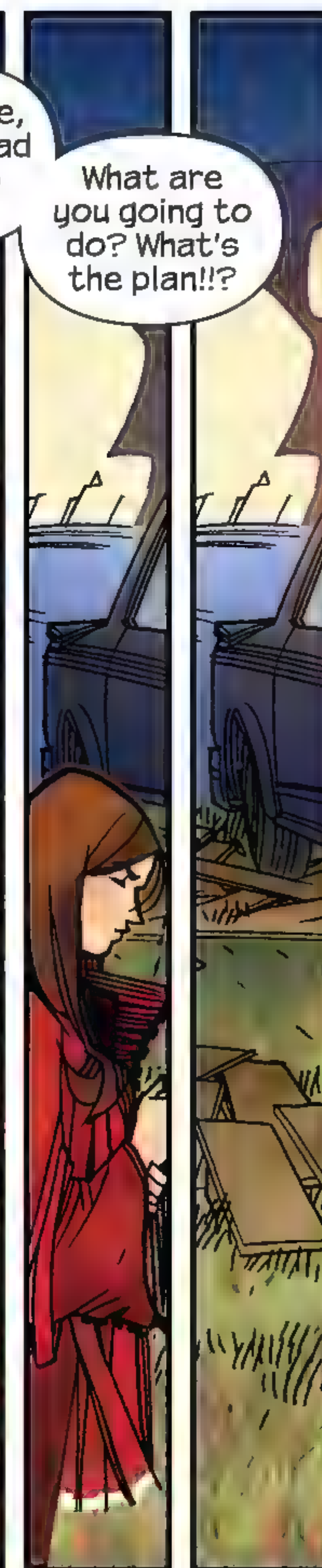
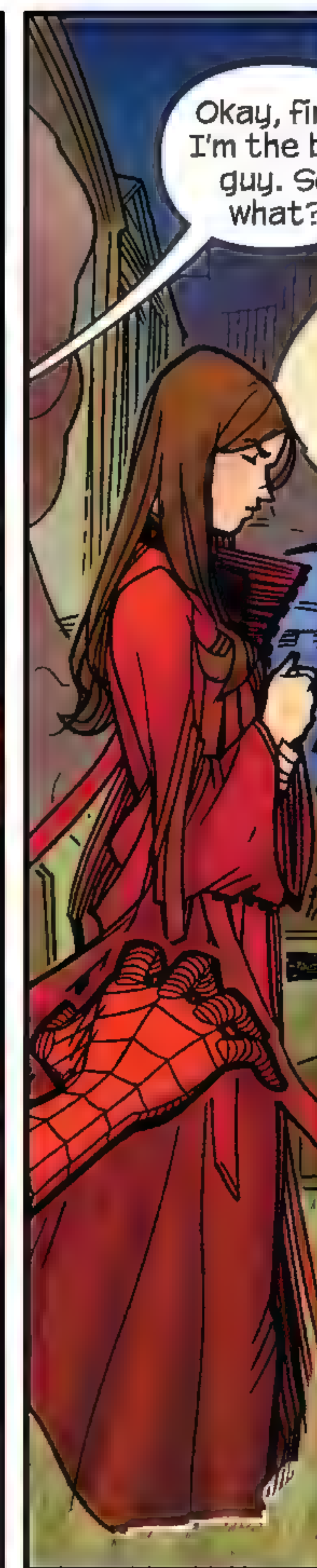
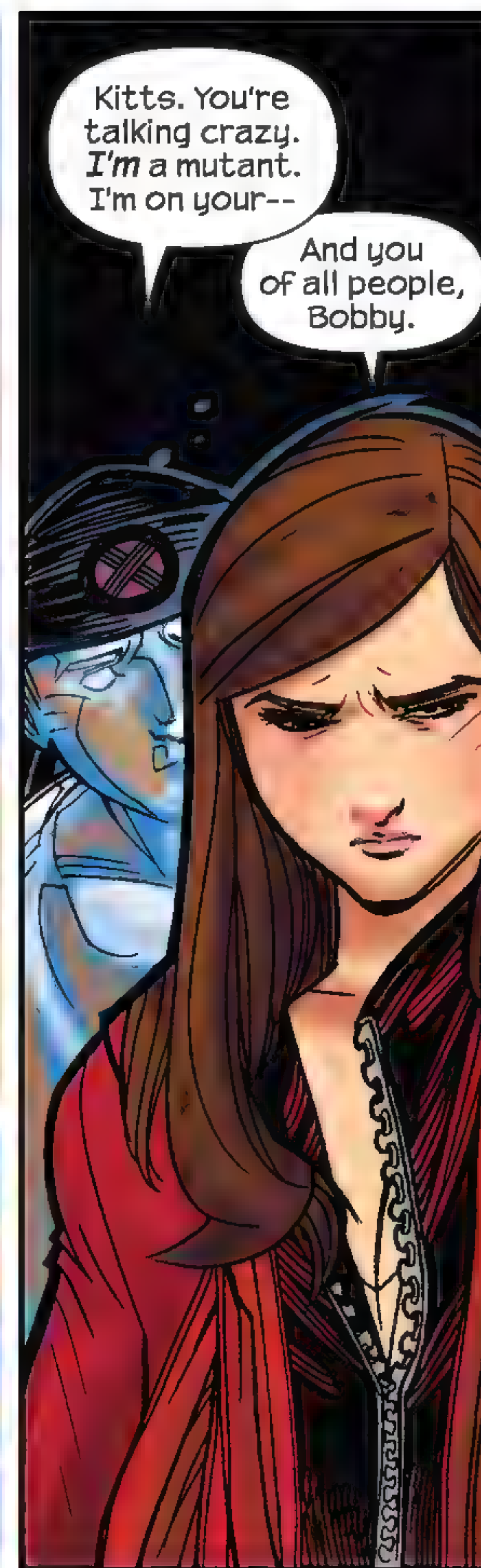
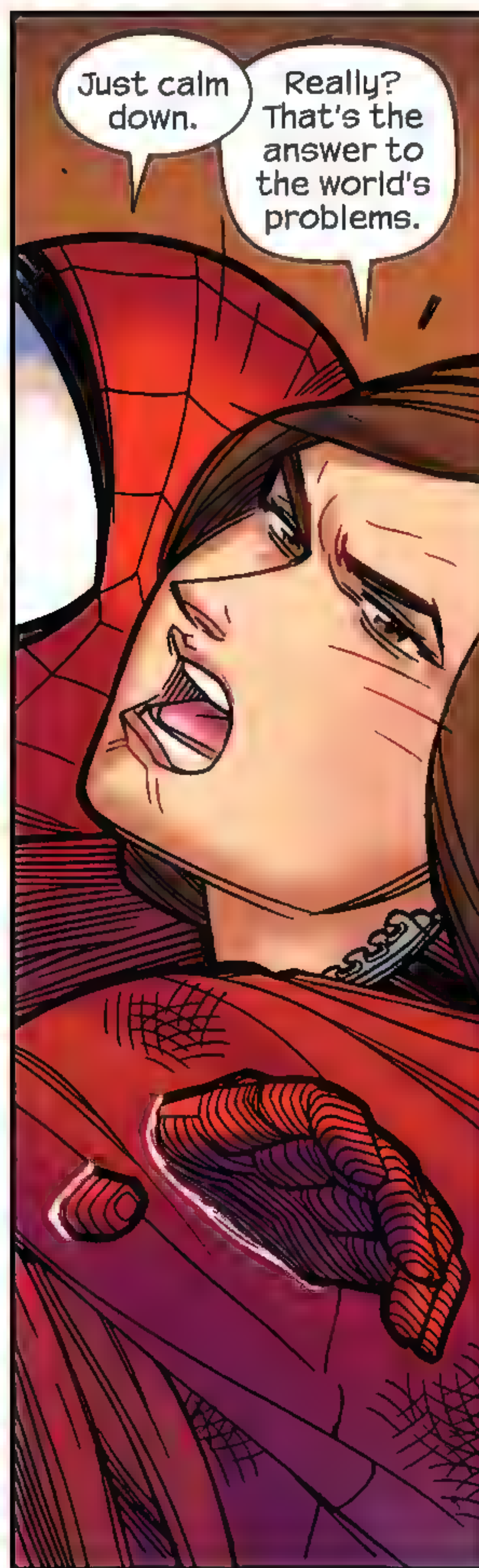




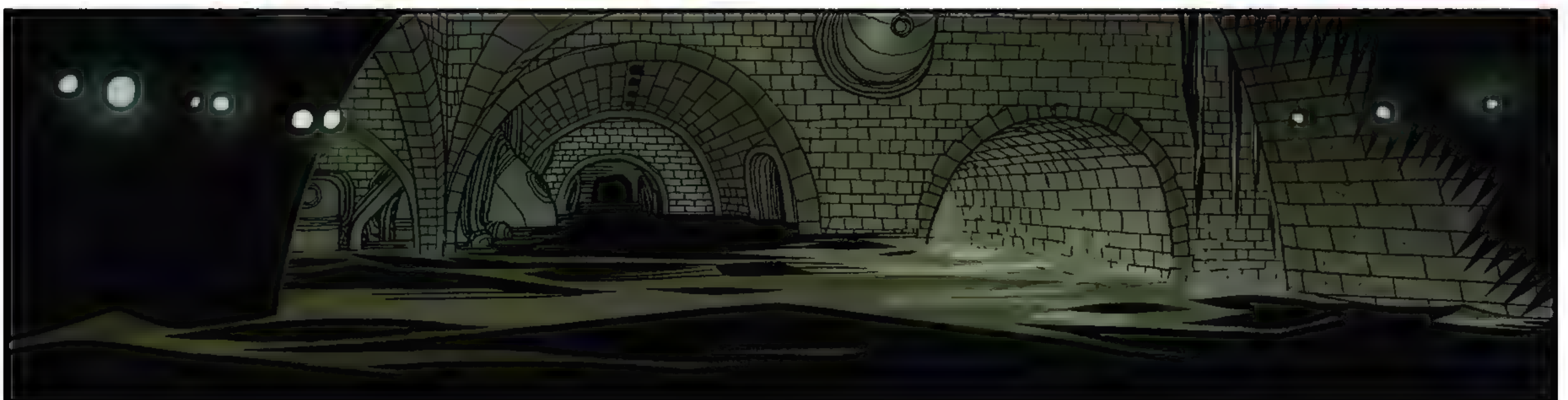














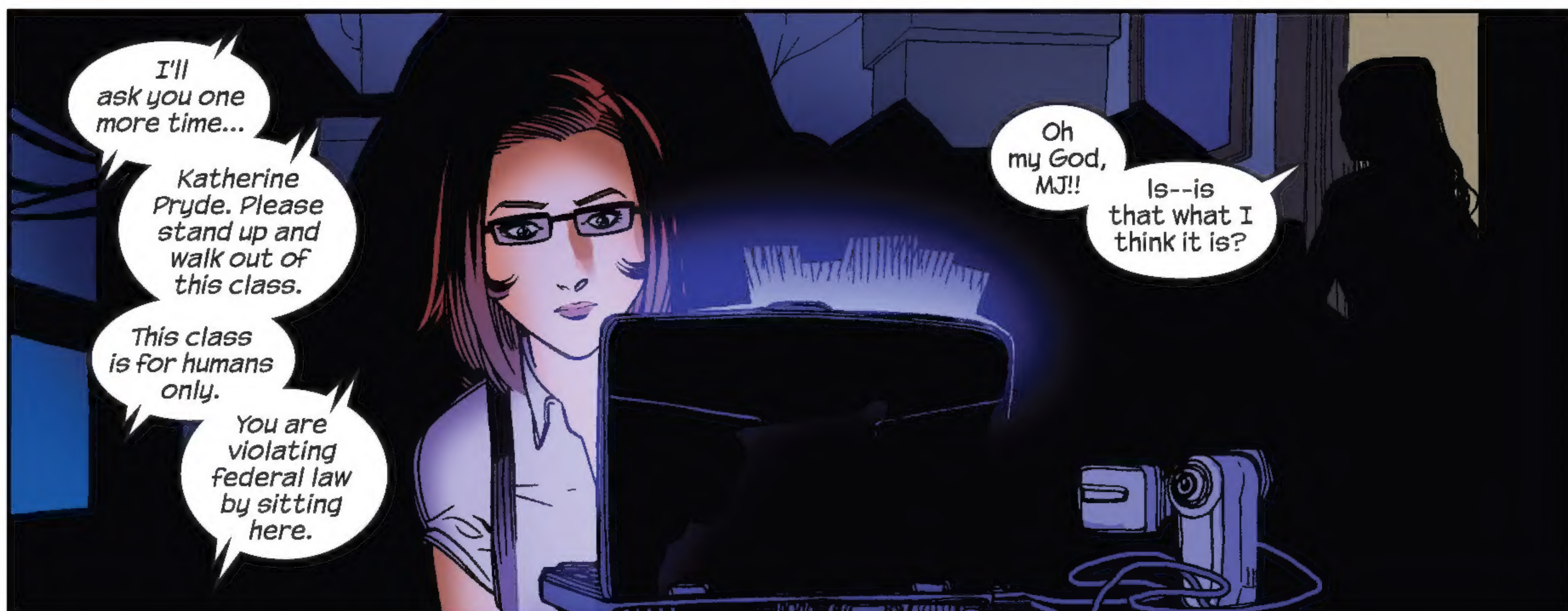






Please, this can't-- not in front of the other students.

Agents, we did not agree to--this isn't the way to do this.



I'll ask you one more time...

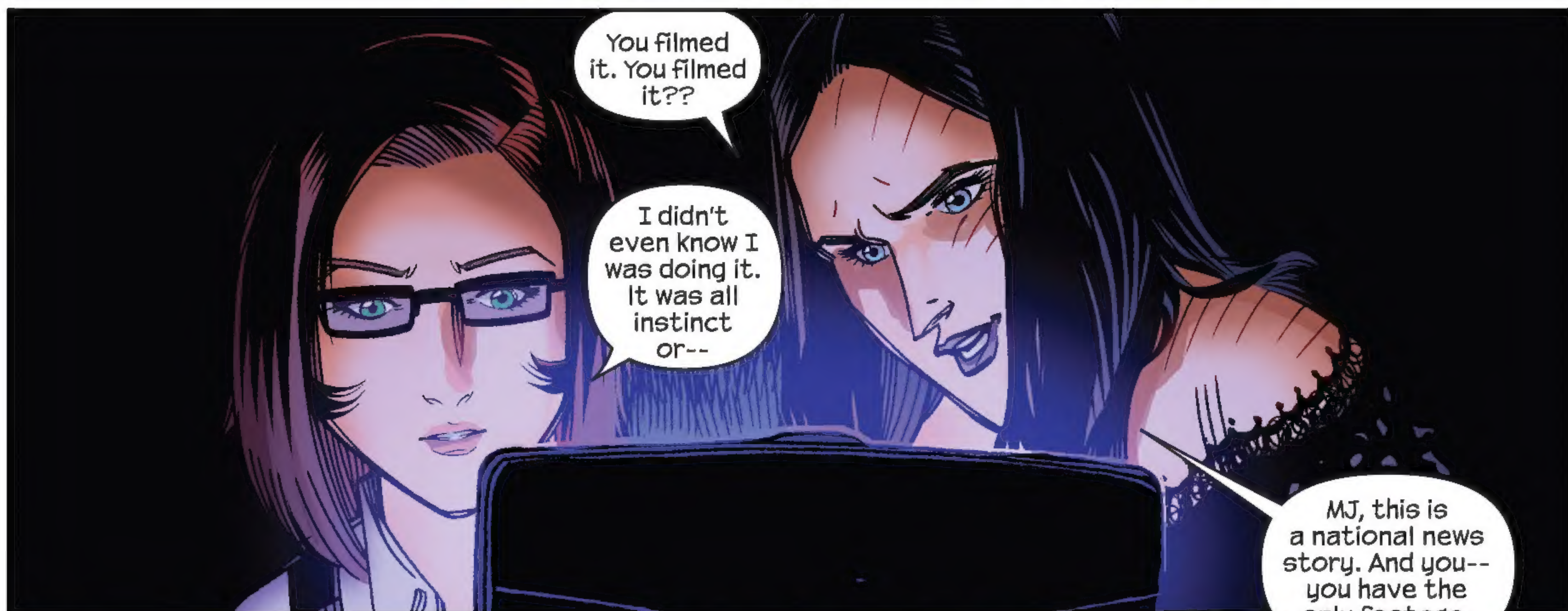
Katherine Pryde. Please stand up and walk out of this class.

This class is for humans only.

You are violating federal law by sitting here.

Oh my God, MJ!!

Is--is that what I think it is?



You filmed it. You filmed it??

I didn't even know I was doing it. It was all instinct or--

MJ, this is a national news story. And you-- you have the only footage.



You just got into any college in the world.

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